Wastage of stored wheat and rice

†*187. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of grains deteriorated out of wheat and rice stocked by the Food Corporation of India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the quantity of wheat used as animal feed out of it and the quantity which was not fit even for the said purpose; and

(c) the details of scheme by the Central Government in order to improve the storage system?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The details regarding the quantity of damaged foodgrains accrued with the FCI during the last three years and out of the said stocks the quantity of wheat utilized for animal feed and the quantity of wheat which was not fit even for animal feed is indicated below:—

(Quantity in lakh MT)

Year	Damaged foodgrains with FCI			Wheat fit for use as animal feed	Wheat not fit for animal feed
	Wheat	Rice	Total		
2003-04	0.22	0.54	0.74	0.15	0.07
2004-05	0.12	0.85	0.97	0.06	0.06
2005-06	0.15	0.80	0.95	0.003*	0.002*

*Remaining quantity under categorisation

The total damaged foodgrains with the FCI represent a very small percentage of the total procurement of foodgrains in the relevant years as may be seen in the table below:—

(in lakh MT)

Year	Procurement of foodgrains		% of damaged foodgrains	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
2003-04	158.01	228.28	0.14	0.23
2004-05	167.96	246.84	0.07	0.34
2005-06	147.87	275.32	0.10	0.29

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) All the godowns of the FCI have been strictly constructed in accordance with the specifications laid down by the CPWD and are equipped with the modern storage system. The FCI stores foodgrains scientifically taking due care of prophylactic and curative treatment and pest control measures. The FCI follows the First in First Out (FIFO) principle to save the foodgrains stock from deterioration.

The Government of India, under its National Policy, has also decided to create 5.50 lakh tonnes additional storage capacity with the latest storage, handling and transportation system through private participation to curb losses in storage, handling and transportation of foodgrains.

Directives for participation of corporates in 'Green Drive'

*188. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the World Environment Day, Government had given a call to corporates to play a greater role in 'Green Drive' in a whole range of issues from forestry to naming affluent plants and monitoring pollution; and

(b) if so, the response of different sectors of industry, like pesticides, dyes and chemicals, pharmaceuticals, distilleries, cement, mines and metals, to this directive?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) On the occasion of World Environment Day, Government organized a Colloquium on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in which the representatives of the Government, and Industry participated. The Colloquium underlined the need for more active response by the corporate sector towards environmental protection.

(b) Recognizing the merit, cost effectiveness and long-term sustainability of voluntary compliance and self-regulation, the Government